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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : I do not think individual cases like this can be brought up.

DR. A. SREENIVASAN : I want the indulgence for only one minute. I have got hundreds of letters and it is not possible for me to send them on to the Government. I am taking only one example to prove the fact that there has been . . .

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : The hon. Member is reading from a paper. He is not entitled to do so .

Water-supply to Tiruchirappalli town

* 297 *Q.*—SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the source of water supply to Tiruchirappalli town is protected and, if so, the area so protected; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that villagers resident near and around the source of water-supply pollute the water and, if so, the steps taken or proposed to be taken to prevent such pollution?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (*a*) Yes, Sir. The area protected extends to nearly 1,500 feet on either side of the pumping main.

(*b*) Yes, Sir. A fence has been erected all along the bund of the river. The gate that was kept locked was broken many times necessitating reports to Police. The Municipal Council provided a public fountain outside the fence so that the people near by might use it and not enter the Padugai lands and then into the river. Due to persuasion, the number of trespassers is gradually going down.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Is it a fact that a gate is provided in the fence for the use of the villagers who are living nearby?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : A gate is provided and they make use of it. They go through it and get into the river foully. That is why we tried the Police method. But ultimately persuasion produced better results. The number of trespassers is going down.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : Why is a gate provided in the middle?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : If it is all fence, how can anyone go? Even a legitimate man could not go then. He must have an opening to go. Previously there was no fence at all. When we put up a fence, there must also be a gate.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Is the water supplied to Tiruchirappalli town drawn from wells sunk in the river bank or drawn from the Cauvery flowing waters?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : It is drawn from subsoil wells.

Ophthalmic Hospital, Egmore

* 298 Q.—DR. A. SREENIVASAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) the number of posts kept vacant in the Ophthalmic Hospital, Egmore, Madras, as on 1st March 1961; and

(b) the period from which they remain vacant and the reasons for the same?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU : (a) Four posts of Assistant Surgeons.

(b) One post was vacant from 2nd July, 1960, another from 13th July 1960, the third from 31st December, 1960 and the fourth from 6th February, 1961. They were vacant mainly due to the paucity of qualified candidates for appointment. All the four posts have since been filled up in the first fortnight of April, 1961.

Mangalur Panchayat

* 299 Q.—SRI A. GAJAPATHY NAYAGAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether there is any higher elementary school in Mangalur Panchayat in Vridhachalam taluk, South Arcot district?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : There is one higher elementary school in the village.

Drawing masters

* 300 Q.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state the qualification essential in the case of drawing masters in aided secondary schools to entitle them to the special pay of Rs. 5 under the revised scales?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : (i) A pass in III Form and a Government Diploma in Drawing

or

(ii) A completed S.S.L.C. and a pass in Government technical examination by higher grade in free-hand outline and model drawing.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Am I to undrstand that this Rs. 5 extra pay is applicable to both these categories?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM : Yes.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I inform the Government that there are breaches of this rule with regard to payment and can the Government examine this question as to how this can be enforced? What is the real agency through which the payment of this special pay is enforced under the revised scales?